

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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**Incident:** UPDATE: Stabbing Homicide With Arrest

**Location:** Bike Path West of Victoria Av/South of Ralston St

**Date/Time Occurred**: 7/23/22 1400 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Patrol, Detectives

Suspect(s): Pedro Munoz (7-1-83) Ventura Resident

**Report #:** 22-47572

Narrative:

## **UPDATE:**

Ventura Police Detectives continued this investigation and determined that the suspect was on foot when he approached the victim who was standing on the pike bath alongside his bicycle. The suspect stabbed the victim numerous times to the upper torso. After following up on numerous leads the suspect was identified as Pedro Munoz (7-1-83) of Ventura.

On 7/26/22 at about 1730 hours an alert patrol officer saw a subject matching the description at the dead end of Valentine Rd. east of Victoria Av. As the officer contacted him, Munoz attempted to flee and fought with the officer. The officer was able to take Munoz into custody without further incident.

Munoz was transported to the Ventura County Jail and booked on one count of murder, one count of felonious assault on a police officer, false information to a police officer, and possession of illegal narcotics.

Munoz has prior convictions for assault with a deadly weapon and assaulting police officers.

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On 7/23/22 at about 1401 hours the Ventura Police Command Center received a call of a stabbing that just occurred on the bike path west of Victoria Av on the extension of Montalvo Hill Park. Responding officers located one male adult suffering from multiple stab wounds to the upper torso. The victim, Marcos Guzman Reyes 26 yrs. of Ventura, was transported to the Ventura County Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries.

The Ventura Police Department Major Crimes Detectives are currently investigating the incident. The ensuing investigation revealed that one suspect approached the victim on the bike path and stabbed him numerous times.

The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at www.venturapd.org

If you have any information about this crime, you can make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

The suspect fled across Victoria Av into Montalvo Hill Park, as well as the adjacent shopping center and into the neighborhood east of the shopping center on Tanager St. The suspect continued south on Hill Rd., then into the Montalvo area. It appears that the suspect also sustained injuries during the altercation. The suspect is still outstanding. Anyone with any information or possible video footage of anyone that matches the description of the suspect is asked to call Detective Tovar at 805-339-4462. The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at www.venturapd.org If you have any information about this crime, you can make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.